

## PORTLAND CAPITAL FINANCES LUICK'S WATER WHEEL

### IS LOCAL MAN'S INVENTION AN UNKNOWN WONDER?—PORTLAND MAN BACKING IT.

We take the following from the Portland Review of yesterday:

"Frank J. Luick, of Belding, who has invented a water wheel which promises to revolutionize the production of hydraulic power, was in Portland Friday and has interested C. M. Proudfoot in his invention. Some time this week several tests will be made in Grand river, probably back of the stores on Kent street, for the purpose of determining the power which can be obtained from the use of one, two and three wheels, harnessed together. Mr. Luick has tried out a single wheel at Belding and it did everything that had been expected of it. The wheel can be operated without the use of flume or wheel pit, the slightest current turning it. Mr. Luick came to Portland from Lansing where he had a conference with W. K. Prudden, state fuel administrator, who promises to lay the discovery before the government for use in its water power conservation plan, should it prove equal to the claims made for it. The wheel is not set flat, close to the bottom of the river, as in the case of the type commonly in use, but is placed in a perpendicular position, the wheel revolving in the direction of the current.

"Plans for the organization of a company here to develop the invention have been under way for some time, but were temporarily halted by the illness of H. L. Vanderschoten, who was promoting it. Mr. Proudfoot was so favorably impressed with the principle that he decided to finance the test, after which others may be taken in.

"Mr. Luick was for several years publisher of the Belding News and the wheel represents years of thought and study of hydraulic application."

For a few years back Luick has been attempting to interest local capital in the water wheel which he studied out during the past ten years and on which he has been allowed a patent, but as is usually the case when an inventor seeks to interest capital, local men who might have had sufficient money to ascertain the merits of the invention turned it down, thinking perhaps that it was of no consequence.

According to the above clipping from the Review, however, Portland capital will be set to work to find out just how much the water wheel which our friend and fellow citizen Luick invented, is worth.

As we have often said before, we hope, as Mr. Luick has so often contended, that his invention will revolutionize the water power development of the world and that it will bring him a million.

**Enjoyed a Short Trip.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas returned Tuesday night from a visit to Lansing, Rives Junction and Jackson, visiting many friends and relatives, also visiting Augusta and Camp Custer, going from there to Kalamazoo, Shafter, Hastings and Vermontville where they visited Mr. Thomas' mother, who is now in her 96th year, and is in failing health. She does not seem to suffer but cannot sit up very long at a time. She says she is ready and waiting to go. Next they went to Grand Rapids and spent one night with Mrs. Lulu Annis, formerly of his place, also other relatives. They returned home Tuesday evening.

**Canned Fruit For Hospital.**

We neglected to say in our article dealing with the need of every person doing up a can of fruit or vegetables for the use of the hospital, last week, that cans for doing the fruit up in could be obtained either from Mrs. I. L. Hubbell at her home or from the hospital. If you haven't time to get the cans before doing the fruit up call for the cans when you take your donation of canned goods there. At any rate, don't neglect your duty in this regard. For it may be yourself or one of yours who will consume the stuff later on.

**Tried To Fire Building.**

Ira Mosher, a young lad of about 14 years old, was in the office Thursday night and told us a story of attempted arson, which someone had committed the day before in the George Cranston house west of the city Wednesday. According to Mosher someone built a fire on the floor of the Cranston house, which is at present unoccupied and that the fire went out, before they were intended to or the house would have burned. Mosher claims that he was in the house Wednesday afternoon and everything was all right at that time, but that he went in the building on Thursday morning and found evidences of attempted arson.

**Hubbardston as Usual.**

Rev. John M. Doyle of the War Savings Stamp campaign reports the success of North Plains township, Ionia county, in raising its quota of \$23,000.00. The drive was made by the township organization composed of 20 men, aided by the ladies of the Red Cross auxiliary.

**Change of Time.**

The Congregational Sunday school will meet at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning at their church. A full attendance of teachers and pupils is desired.

**Announces Daughter's Marriage.**

Mrs. Ella F. Guild announces the marriage of her daughter, Cora Eaton to Mr. George H. Berner, on Sunday, June 23, 1918, St. Johns, Mich. At home at 507 West State street. Miss Guild was a former first grade teacher in the local schools.

**O. E. S. Notice.**

Regular meeting of Doric chapter, O. E. S., Tuesday evening, July 9. Bessie Petersen, Sec'y.

## ROCKFORD MERCHANTS EXTEND CREDIT TO DAYS

Merchants of Rockford have banded together and are going to cut down the credit or "trust" business to nothing at all from now on, they having given public notice of their intention by a large advertisement in the local paper there. Instead of having a credit of unlimited capacities, both as to amount and time, people living in Rockford and vicinity will hereafter have to come across with the "kale" within ten days after purchasing goods, or the merchant will be up to cutting the delinquent customer off his list entirely. The Rockford merchants, in their notice, give as their reasons for the new scheme many circumstances which they have had to face within the past few years which have practically forced them to the matter of limiting credit on all purchases, other than those of a cash transaction, to a time within the ten day limit.

## SAMMIES GET SPECIAL CARE IN LONDON TOWN

### KING GEORGE SETS EXAMPLE AND ASKS PEOPLE TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY TO SAMMIES.

The following article was clipped from "The Weekly Dispatch," of London, England, of its issue of Sunday, May 12, 1918. Accompanying it was a photographic cut, showing King George in the act of asking an American soldier how himself and the rest of the United States men were being cared for in England.

The article is as follows:

Last Sunday The Weekly Dispatch appealed to the people of England to make it Sammie's as well as Tommy's "Blighty."

The king's message, which is to be handed in facsimile to every American soldier on his landing on our soil, is a magnificent lead to the country. "The king leads. Who will not follow?" Shortly a vast and very definite scheme will be placed before the British public, and the public will act. For the British mother knows what the American mother suffers—that the American suffers more than she herself. For her boy is perhaps 6,000 miles away instead of just across the channel; and unless he comes home to her maimed, invalided, she will not see him till the war is over; and if he dies—well, he may have been dead and buried a month before she knows.

The question of a "Blighty" for Sammie has never been a practicable one for America. There could be no leave in Sammie's own "Blighty"—America herself. And England has solved the problem. Sammie's "Blighty" is almost a fact accomplished.

Tens of thousands of our homes are opening their doors to him. The hearth is waiting. The nation will follow the king. We even dare to hope now that our own soldiers will get busy. They have only wasted four months, so there is still hope.

Let us think what the king's letter means. Every American officer and man will pack it home as a treasure to be kept for all time. Millions of copies of the letter in the king of England's handwriting will be framed and hung in the homes of the Sammies. That letter is a new page in Anglo-American history. And it is a symbol from the king of what his people, one and all, will do for Sammie. They will take the American fighting man to their hearts as his majesty has done. It is a very great event in the brotherhood of the two nations. Let every one of us do better to Sammie than the king has done to him. "I am at home. England has taken me home."

### "Pat" Is Moving Soon.

Workmen have been busy during the past 10 days getting the new store room in which Henry Patterson is to have his stock of bazaar goods located in the future, ready for business. Of course the moving of such a large and varied stock of goods as Mr. Patterson at all times carries for the local trade is not easy to move and rather than move it all, "Pat" is going to hold a sale which will begin this Friday, July 5 and continue on to and including Saturday, July 13. The stock will be moved Monday, July 15. A partial list of goods at bargain prices is to be found on page 3 of this issue.

### To Engage in Business.

Arthur Fitzjohn is making arrangements to engage in the undertaking business in this city and will open up with the same on or about July 15. Mr. Fitzjohn has both Illinois and Michigan embalmers' license and has a great many friends here who wish him success. He has had considerable experience in this work and that he will make a success of it goes without saying.

### Becomes War Bride.

J. Harvey McKiddie and Miss Inez Black were married June 22, at the home of the bride's parents in Albion, by Dr. F. F. Goodrich, of Albion college. The groom is a soldier at Camp Custer, having come there with the May 25 contingent and is expecting to be called into overseas duty in the near future. Harvey is well known here; being one of the graduating class of 1915 of the local high school. He worked for a number of years at the Herald Publishing Co.'s plant in this city and has many friends here who join with us in wishing him happiness and success in life.

Roy McKiddie and Mabel McKiddie, his brother and sister, were present at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James Corsaut of Anderson, Ind., arrived Tuesday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Briggs and other relatives and friends.

## Fireworks for the Kaiser



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### DEATH CLOSES LIVES BOOK FOR ELWOOD M'CONNELL

Elwood Leslie McConnell, eldest child of Robert and Mattie McConnell, was born in Belding, Mich., August 27, 1902 and lived most of his short life in Belding.

He was taken sick Thursday, June 20 while at his work in the refrigerator warehouse and the following Sunday was removed to the city hospital where he died Friday morning, June 28. During his five days at the hospital the nurses found him always patient and cheerful in doing all to help toward his recovery. On the last day he asked for his mother, as if he realized the end might be near and wanted those he loved most with him.

Besides his grief-stricken parents, he leaves four sisters, one an infant of a few days, and two brothers, also many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

"Ah me! Ah me! o'er the brightest morning  
The storm may break and the storm-clouds fly;  
And the fairest flowers life's path adorn  
Spring up and blossom but to die.  
The sunlight fades and the shadows thicken,  
A chill wind blows from a far-off shore  
And the mother's arms to her heart sore stricken,  
Shall clasp her son—ah! never more.  
But the bright arch through the storm comes shining,  
And tells of the mercy that cannot cease,  
So now, through the storm of her sad repining,  
There comes a glad whisper of hope and peace;  
Thy son that was lost, lo! the shepherd found it,  
And safe to His own green pastures bore;  
And the everlasting arms are around it.  
For evermore! Oh, for evermore.  
The funeral was held from the family home on James street Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. Fred Iulig officiating and burial was in Riverview cemetery.

To the Citizens of the 18th Senatorial District.

In accordance with the time honored custom in this district of state senators serving two terms, I hereby announce myself a candidate to succeed myself. My position upon all public questions is well known and I hope meets with your approval. Yours for what is right,  
G. W. Miller.

Notice.

I will not be in my office evenings during the months of July and August only on Saturday nights and pay nights.  
Dr. G. A.